



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 5026
Zimmer 2000, Inc.
Maria Chappa, as treasurer

Dear Messrs. Ginsberg and McGinley:

This is in response to your letter, dated March 19, 2004, which we received on that same date, requesting a fifteen-day extension for your clients, Zimmer 2000, Inc. and Maria Chappa, as treasurer, to respond to the reason to believe findings in the above-referenced matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted Zimmer 2000, Inc. and Maria Chappa, as treasurer, a fifteen-day day extension. Accordingly, your clients' responses are due by the close of business on April 8, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marianne Abely".

Marianne Abely
Attorney

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